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Title: INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL AND
INK-JET RECORDING METHOD

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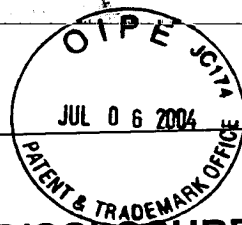
Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

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